Revival of MAMC, Durgapur

446. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been signed between the Coal India Limited and DVC to examine prospects, for revival of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC), Durgapur;

(b) if so, the features of the MoU; and

(c) the tentative time expected to be taken for a decision in principle to revive the MAMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes Sir, MoU has been signed on 1st June, 2007 between CIL and DVC.

(b) The features of MoU are :

1. A facility for manufacturing underground mining machineries would be jointly planned in an around Durgapur industrial area. The above facility would also be utilized for manufacturing material handling equipment and their spare parts for use of both DVC and CIL. Both the parties would also endeavor to bring latest technology and know-how in this regard through associations with international experts and firms.

2. A Public Sector mining equipment manufacturing company shall be eventually inducted as a third partner for achieving the above purpose.

3. The *modus operandi* and detailed structure for developing such industrial facility shall be discussed and mutually decided between DVC and CIL in due course of time.

4. Both DVC and CIL will explore the possibility of acquiring and revamping existing closed unit of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Limited (MAMCL) at Durgapur with due diligence.

5. On the execution of this MoU, a committee comprising of representatives from DVC and CIL would meet the work jointly to take decisions and effective steps for fulfillment of the objectives of MoU at levels and frequencies, as agreed upon mutually.

6. The MoU shall come into force from the date hereof, and shall be substituted by a detailed agreement covering all aspects, legal, financial, commercial and technical for developing the industrial facility.

7. Either party to this MoU shall without incurring any liability or responsibility whatsoever towards any persons, have the right and option to terminate this MoU after giving 30 days prior notice of intention to do so to the other party based on mutual consent.

(c) The assets of MAMC have been placed under an Official Liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata. The Hon'ble High Court has already passed winding up order, which has been confirmed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. For taking any decision on revival, first step is to take approval of Hon'ble High Court. Then due diligence of all the assets and liabilities of the company will be made to decide on revival plan. In view of the above it is difficult to assess tentative time limit in the matter.

Production of coal by private sector

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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalized identification of the coalfields where production of coal has been decided to be assigned to the private sector;

(b) if so, the total number of such coalfields till June, 2007;

(c) the number of coalfields wherein mining work has been assigned to private sector during the year 2007, so far; and

(d) the number of mines which are likely to be assigned to private sector during residual period of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Initially 148 coal blocks were identified for allocation to public and private sector companies. Out of these, 110 coal blocks have already been allocated leaving 38 blocks. In addition 22 blocks were separately identified and allocated to both public and private sector companies.

Subsequently, in the 5th meeting of the Energy Coordination Committee held on 10.03.2006 a view was taken that the Ministry of Coal would identify adequate number of blocks aggregating to 20 billion tonnes, which could be de-reserved for captive mining. Accordingly 81 coal blocks with geological reserve of 20.02 billion tonnes have been identified for allocation to public/private sector companies for specified end-uses.

(c) Till date 165 coal blocks have been allocated to both public and private sector companies. In the year 2007,43 coal blocks have been allocated which include 9 coal blocks allocated to private sector companies.

(d) 48 coal blocks are on offer for captive mining purpose to public and private sector companies. Within the coal blocks earmarked for captive mining, there is no separate earmarking for private sector companies.

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